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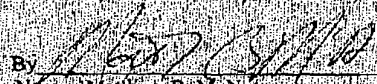
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Following is a Statement of Substance of the telephone interview conducted between Examiner Sung H. Pak and Applicants representative Matthew B. McNutt on June 4, 2003.

In the June 4, 2003, telephone interview, claim 1 was discussed with reference to prior art United States patent no. 5,182,785 to Savegh et al. Applicant's representative argued that Savegh et al. does not show or suggest the use of a heat shrinkable jacket to cause the optical fiber cable to maintain the desired bend angle of the optical fiber, and rather that Savegh et al. teaches a highly flexible optical cable in which the bend angle of the optical fiber is not maintained as claimed in the present application. To distinguish the claimed invention from Savegh et al., an Examiner's amendment was proposed by the Examiner and agreed to by the Applicant. Specifically, in the last line of claim 1, it was agreed to insert --permanently-- before the recitation "maintain the desired bend angle." The Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Examiner's amendment is agreed with by the Applicants.

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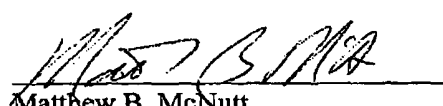
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